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RAPE AND WILL URGE MERCOSUR TO FOLLOW SUIT

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In response to post's delivery of reftel points, Ambassador Magdalena Faillace, Argentina's Special Envoy for Women's Issues, assured us on November 14 that Argentina will support the U.S.-sponsored resolution condemning rape as a tool for political and military objectives and will not support efforts to water-down the resolution via amendments. In addition, Faillace indicated that the MFA has instructed the Argentine mission to the UN to work towards getting the other members of Mercosur, i.e., Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay, to support the resolution. She indicated that she had raised the issue of co-sponsorship with Deputy Foreign Minister Garcia Moritan, who was considering the matter. Ambassador Wayne thanked Faillace for Argentina's support and said that he looked forward to Argentina signing on as a co-sponsor of the resolution. Subsequently, Counselor Federico Silva Carreton contacted poloff to indicate that Argentina would co-sponsor the resolution as it currently stands, referring to "Revision II", and that it would not support any further efforts to amend the resolution. WAYNE